Salem Town Vision Survey Committee

Minutes for Meeting of March 11, 2009

Present: Frank Abetti, Richard Asafaylo, Cheryle Cassidy, Shirley Diamond, Carole Eckart, Len Giambra, Tom Woronik. Absent: Janet Griggs, Diane Weston, Sam Rindell Visitors: Bob Ross

T. Woronik (assuming the chair in the absence of Janet Griggs) opened the Meeting at 7:20 PM.

There were no public comments.

Agenda was discussed. There were no additions to the Agenda.

Minutes of 2/25/09 meeting were discussed. There were no changes.

Minutes M/S/A Len Giambra/Shirley Diamond

Carole Eckart summarized the activity of the evening-- a continuation of the activity of the previous meeting-- which was to compose a model Vision paragraph for each Vision topic and to draft associated questions the Committee Members would wish to ask the town groups/organizations relative to each topic. Carole set the goal for the evening, which was to complete four more topics.

7:25 - 8:05. The group first tackled "Education." The discussion focused first on formal education, including the High School and the Junior High School, and the current relationship with East Lyme, and how it might or might not change. Next the group discussed, still within Education, elements of informal (adult) education that townspeople might like to see supported either regionally or in Salem.

8:05 - 8:20. The group next discussed "Government," including some thought as to whether the participatory form of government currently found in Salem would remain the future form of government.

8:20 - 8:47. Next the group tackled "Land Use," including sub-elements such as Open Space, Housing and Public Space.

8:47 - 8:58. The final topic discussed was "Growth," with a particular focus on cluster zoning, and the open space requirements in the current regulations that have restricted the growth of high density housing developments. It was agreed that the Committee should ask Salem residents whether they want Salem to grow.

M/S/A Cheryle Cassidy/Tom Woronik to adjourn at 8:59 PM.